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Re. : Response to Advisory Office Action Mailed December 1, 2005
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II. REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are currently pending in the application. The Office Action allowed Claims 1-30 and rejected Claims 31-36.

By the foregoing amendments, Applicant cancelled Claims 31-36 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to further clarify the claimed invention or, in the alternative, to place the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, no new matter is introduced by these amendments. Applicant believes that Claims 1-30 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that Claims 1-30 are allowable over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.

If any further impediments to allowance of this application remain, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that these remaining issues may be promptly resolved.